

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 248

Introduced by Assembly Member Nunez

February 3, 2003

An act to amend Sections 6988 and 6989 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to advisory boards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 248, as introduced, Nunez. Advisory boards: nursery stock.

Existing law, effective until January 1, 2004, provides for the appointment of an advisory board relating to pome and stone fruit trees, nut trees, and grapevines. Existing law requires the Secretary of Agriculture to appoint the board to review and make recommendations to the secretary regarding specified programs relating to those plant varieties, and requires that members of the board serve for 2 years. Existing law provides for annual assessments on licensed nursery dealers to support various programs and activities related to those plant varieties.

This bill would allow members of the board to serve fixed terms of up to 2 years.

The bill would extend the operation of these provisions until January 1, 2014.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6988 of the Food and Agricultural Code
2 is amended to read:

1 6988. The secretary, upon consultation with the pome and
2 stone fruit tree, nut tree, and grapevine nursery industry, shall
3 appoint a board to assist and advise him or her concerning the
4 implementation of this article.

5 (a) Membership on the board shall consist of 11
6 representatives, a majority of whom are licensed producers of
7 pome, stone, nut, and grape nursery stock, but also users and a
8 public member as follows:

9 (1) Two each from the stone fruit (including almonds), pome
10 fruit, and nut (other than almond) industries.

11 (2) Four from the grape industry.

12 (3) One public representative.

13 (b) Board members shall represent all areas of the state
14 involved in the production of pome and stone fruit trees, nut trees,
15 and grapevines.

16 (c) The members of the board shall serve for ~~a term~~ *fixed terms*
17 of *up to* two years. The secretary, upon nomination by the industry,
18 may appoint a member for three consecutive terms. ~~Every two~~
19 ~~years, the~~ The secretary shall reappoint no more than eight of the
20 then-current members of the board *within a two-year period*.

21 (d) The board shall meet at least twice a year. The chair or the
22 secretary may call any other meeting when it is deemed necessary
23 by one or both of them. Each member shall be allowed per diem
24 and mileage in accordance with Department of Personnel
25 Administration rules for attending any meeting of the board.

26 (e) The board shall review and make recommendations to the
27 secretary concerning the ongoing operations of the department and
28 the University of California pertaining to this article. This shall
29 include advice on fiscal expenditure, assessments needed to cover
30 costs, and proposals concerning the development of planting
31 materials.

32 SEC. 2. Section 6989 of the Food and Agricultural Code is
33 amended to read:

34 6989. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,
35 ~~2004~~ *2014*, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
36 statute that is enacted on or before January 1, ~~2004~~ *2014*, deletes
37 or extends that date.